

It was the opinion of AUSA [redacted] to decline prosecution based upon the lack of evidence.

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Sincerely,

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THOMAS L. SHEER  
Assistant Director In Charge

By: *ph*

[redacted]  
Supervisory Special Agent

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

26 Federal Plaza  
New York, New York 10278

Honorable Andrew J. Maloney  
United States Attorney  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 12201

Attention: Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED]

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Re: Burt Kaplan;  
[REDACTED]  
Counterfeiting of Goods

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm a conversation on June 9, 1987, between Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [REDACTED] of your office and Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in the New York Office, to the effect that the FBI's investigation of Burt Kaplan and [REDACTED] had not revealed a major counterfeiting operation of designer clothing.

On April 3, 1986, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] and Burt Kaplan were operating at 128-130 Richmond Avenue, Staten Island and were actively manufacturing and distributing counterfeit designer clothing in the New York City area. [REDACTED] requested the assistance of the United States Attorney's office in the Eastern District of New York and the FBI to investigate this matter.

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After a lengthy investigation, utilizing the undercover technique [REDACTED] a search warrant was executed on August 4, 1986, at 128-130 Richmond Avenue in Staten Island, a business operated by Burt Kaplan. A small amount of "grey" area designer clothing was found, but the existence of a major counterfeiting operation was not established.

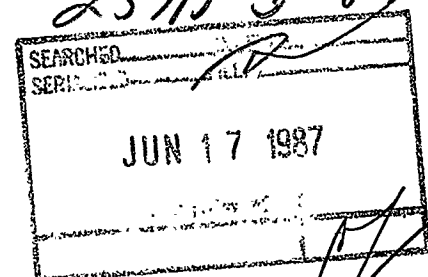
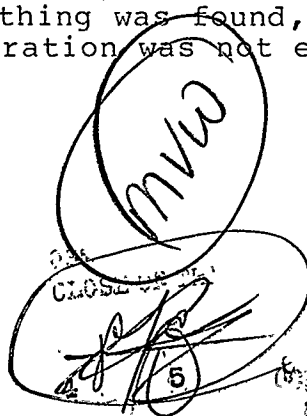
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK  
SUBJECT:

BURT KAPLAN -

COUNTERFEITING OF  
GOODS;  
(OO: NY)

Bureau File Number
257A-3
Field Office File Number
C3
Squad or RA Number
Agent's Social Security No.

☐ X if a joint operation with:

(identity of other agency)

☐ X if case involves  
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official (Federal, State or  
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Date 10/31/86

Investigative Assistance or Technique Used			
Were any of the investigative assistance or techniques listed below used in connection with accomplishment being claimed? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes - If Yes, rate each used as follows:			
1 = Used, but did not help		3 = Helped, substantially	
2 = Helped, but only minimally		4 = Absolutely essential	
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5. ELSUR - FISC		12. Lab Div Exams	
6. ELSUR - Title III		13. Lab Div Field Support	
7. Eng. Sect. Field Support		14. Pen Registers	
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17. Search Warr. Executed		18. Show Money Usage	
19. Surveill. Sqd. (SOG) Asst		20. SWAT Team Action	
21. Tech. Agt. o Tech Equip		22. Telephone Toll Recs	
23. UCO Group I		24. UCO Group II	
25. UC Other		26. NCAVC/VI-CAP	
27. Visual Inv. Analysis			

A. Preliminary Judicial Process (Number of subjects)				B. Recoveries, Restitutions, or Potential Economic Loss Prevented (PELP)				(Explain valuation in remarks)																							
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B. Arrests, Locates, Summonses or Subpoenas Served (No. of Subj.)				Subject Priority*				3				\$ 30,747				\$				\$				\$							
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Remarks: (For every subject reported in Sections A, B or F above, provide name, DOB, race\*, sex, and POB and SSAN if available.)

On 8/4/86 a search warrant was executed at 128-130 Port Richmond Avenue, Staten Island, NY. A large volume of counterfeit designer clothing was recovered. The fair market value is being claimed as follows: 427 Adolfo shirts at \$12.00 = \$5,124; 191 Wrangler shirts at \$10.00 = \$1,910; 75 French Connection sweatpants at \$30.00 = \$2,250; 63 Christian Dior shirt top at \$32.00 = \$2016; 49 Sassoon sweatshirts at \$28.00 = \$1,372 and 723 Swatch sweatshirts at \$25.00 = \$18,075 totaling \$30,747.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (87D-86062)

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (C-3)

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SUBJECT: SHORTSELL  
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Due to the writer's full time involvement as case Agent in captioned group one undercover operation, this writer is presently unable to appropriately address certain assign cases.

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Date  
9/30/86

Name  
CLAREMONT INDUSTRIES

Aliases:

Alien Reg. Number Social Security Number

Passport Number Service Number

Date of Birth Place of Birth

Address  
1407 Broadway  
New York, N.Y.

Race Sex Complexion

Height Weight Hair Eyes

Other pertinent information:

FOR REPLY ONLY

☐ On basis of information furnished, unable to identify:

- ☐ Military ☐ Passport ☐ INS ☐ CIA  
☐ No pertinent identifiable information  
☐ Available information attached  
☐ Photo: ☐ Attached ☐ Unavailable  
☐ Handwriting specimen attached

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Date:

Specific information desired:

Also furnish: ☐ Photo  
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Attention ~~XX~~ IA

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Date 9.30.86

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Name and aliases of subject, applicant, or employee, and spouse

Claremont Industries, Inc.  
Addresses

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Business 1407 B'way, NYC

Former \_\_\_\_\_

\* Date and place of marriage (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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Date 8/25/86

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 (ATTN: ELSUR INDEX)

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (257A-3) (P) (C-3)

SUBJECT: BURT KAPLAN; [REDACTED]  
 Counterfeiting of Goods  
 (OO:NY)

Reference NY Teletype to BUREAU ON 7/14/86.

On 7/14/86 authorization was received from the Department of Justice for the consensual use of a transmitting and/or recording device in the captioned matter. The following information relates to the use of the equipment authorized that date:

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Previous Arrests

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Conspiracy to Distribute a  
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of Stolen Property and the  
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KAPLAN advised that the last goods ever purchased from LONGFELLOW was one year ago, and that he conducted business with LONGFELLOW when it was located also at the 1407 Broadway address in Manhattan. KAPLAN advised that LONGFELLOW was originally called LANDMARK, but he is unaware of the company name of LTW. KAPLAN advised that all the SASSOON products purchased and distributed by him can be documented.

KAPLAN advised that ANTHONY RUSSO is employed at CI as a salesman and is not a partner in either PD or CI.

KAPLAN advised that he is not involved in any illegal activity, particularly in the manufacturing or the distributing of garments that are in violation of patent infringement statutes. KAPLAN advised that because of his being on federal parole for narcotics violations, and because of his past criminal record, he would be foolish to be involved in any such illicit conduct. KAPLAN stated that if he was to get involved in anything that he could get "nailed" for by the FBI, it would have to be a deal involving something like \$300,000,000.

The following description of KAPLAN was obtained through observation and interview:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	October 11, 1933
Place of Birth	Brooklyn, New York
Height	5'8"
Weight	150 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown-balding
Scars	Burn scar on right arm; scar on forehead above right eye
Medical Conditions	Heart condition (has had two strokes in the last year)
Miscellaneous	
Characteristics	Wears glasses
Marital Status	Married
Social Security	
Account Number	131-26-1015

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During KAPLAN's absence, [ ] ran PROGRESSIVE DISTRIBUTORS for him. The location was at 8509 Bay 16th, in Brooklyn, the same location as ALL-CITY DISTRIBUTORS, which KAPLAN wholly owned. KAPLAN advised that he and [ ] in PD and in the building at 128-130 Richmond Avenue in Staten Island. KAPLAN advised that the building itself was merely a warehousing facility for PD. KAPLAN [ ] approximately one year ago for a modest amount of money. KAPLAN advised that he did not care to comment on the dollar amount, and referred the interviewing Agent to his accountant for a figure. KAPLAN advised that he severed all relationships with [ ] to avoid violating any conditions of his parole.

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KAPLAN advised that in May 1985, he sold ALL-CITY DISTRIBUTORS to [ ] and has absolutely no interest in the business, other than wholesaling mostly jobber goods to [ ] KAPLAN advised items such as those he receives from the STANLAINE CORPORATION would be sold to ALL-CITY.

Regarding shirts and pants bearing the SASSOON label that were found on the premise, KAPLAN advised that these are what is left of a large inventory, nearly one million dollars in goods, that he purchased from LONGFELLOW INDUSTRIES, which at the time was located in the Bronx. To his recollection, KAPLAN recalls that this purchase was made approximately one year ago. LONGFELLOW, which has subsequently gone bankrupt, was a SASSOON licensee for manufacturing and distribution. Two of the partners were [ ] the SASSOON name, and [ ] KAPLAN's [ ] CI. At its height, LONGFELLOW did nearly \$40,000,000 in one year alone on the SASSOON label, but the business turned sour, and resulted in squabbling among the partners; particularly between [ ] and [ ] It is KAPLAN's belief that [ ]

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KAPLAN advised that he did have a problem approximately six months ago with ADOLFO regarding the sale of their shirts, but resolved the problem with ADOLFO, to the latter's satisfaction. KAPLAN, believing he had imported a large volume of ADOLFO shirts from a legitimate licensee in the Orient, was wholesaling them. ADOLFO obtained a civil seizure order, and the entire inventory was confiscated by the United States Marshals. However, KAPLAN settled with ADOLFO for \$36,000, with the agreement that he would have the right to sell off any remaining inventory, and the inventory confiscated, which totaled approximately 20,000 pieces, would be returned to him for distribution.

KAPLAN also advised that he received CHRISTIAN DIOR close-out shirts from [redacted] on memorandum, and sold them for him; the total amount, KAPLAN cannot recall, but would be reflected by invoices.

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KAPLAN advised that he was also approached approximately four months ago by a [redacted] who indicated that he had the ability to buy directly from IZOD, but KAPLAN turned the deal down.

KAPLAN was asked about IZOD labels, stitching patterns for the ADOLFO logo, and other embroidery items, indicating the manufacturing of knock-off garments, that were found during the course of the present search of the premise. KAPLAN responded that these items are probably items left by embroidery companies that were working out of the building some years ago when he was in prison. KAPLAN advised that up to the middle of either 1981 or 1982, [redacted] doing business as ITS A DILLY EMBROIDERY, was sub-leasing space at the location. However, the embroidery operation was taken over by [redacted] who operated it as PROGRESSIVE EMBROIDERY, but closed it down by March 1983, when KAPLAN returned home.

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Since KAPLAN's association with [redacted] the latter has supplied him with these types of goods, to be sold as close-out merchandise. KAPLAN advised that most of the goods observed on the premise other than SERGIO VALENTE were shipped to him by [redacted]. Some goods, however, KAPLAN advised were purchased directly from the manufacturer, such as CALVIN KLEIN jeans and shirts. These were also purchased as close-out items from the manufacturer. KAPLAN has been selling close-out type goods through PD, which KAPLAN maintains is a wholly independent operation from CI; even though the inventory from both companies are stored at the same location.

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KAPLAN advised that he sells the goods through PD to street peddlers and other small merchandisers for a fraction of the wholesale cost of what they normally would sell for. However, KAPLAN is unaware if any of the garments are counterfeit or so-called "knock-offs". KAPLAN advised that if [redacted] is placing real labels he receives from various manufacturers on inferior garments and is subsequently selling them as legitimate ones, or if he is merely knocking off labels in garments, KAPLAN has no knowledge of this. KAPLAN additionally advised that if any of the goods that he has received from [redacted] are manufactured in violation of civil or criminal statutes, it is [redacted] problem and not his. With this, KAPLAN telephoned [redacted] and informed him that he did not want any more close-out items from him, and henceforth, any PD's business is not to be conducted in conjunction with SERGIO VALENTE business.

KAPLAN advised that he has dealt extensively in close-out goods, and inventory on the premise bearing such labels as SASSOON, CHRISTIAN DIOR, ADOLFO, SWATCH, RALPH LAUREN, JORDACHE, etcetera, and can be documented as legitimate purposes directly from the respective manufacturing company.

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BURT KAPLAN, who was present during the execution of a search warrant, issued in the Eastern District of New York (EDNY) was interviewed at the location of the search warrant, 128-130 Port Richmond Avenue, Staten Island, New York (NY). This location is the place of business for PROGRESSIVE DISTRIBUTORS (PD), and the warehousing and distribution facility for CLAREMONT INDUSTRIES (CI). KAPLAN was apprised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, and thereafter provided the following information:

KAPLAN advised that he has been [redacted] since October 1985, in CI, the showroom being located at 1407 Broadway in Manhattan. [redacted] and KAPLAN is the vice-president. CI is a licensee for SERGIO VALENTE and manufactures and distributes various designs of sweaters, activewear, shirts, and blazer jackets exclusively for SERGIO VALENTE. Another individual who will become a partner in CI within the next six months is [redacted] who is a Miami based manufacturer, doing business as the STANLAINE CORPORATION.

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KAPLAN first met [redacted] in October 1985, when he was seeking new manufacturing facilities for SERGIO VALENTE products. KAPLAN granted [redacted] contracts to manufacture garments bearing the SERGIO VALENTE label. CI also contracts with manufacturers in Guatemala, Antigua, and in the Orient. For his share of the [redacted] [redacted] produced \$100,000 in goods for CI, which will serve as his buy-in share of the company.

KAPLAN advised that [redacted] manufactures for numerous designer and lesser known garment companies, and continually has overruns, irregulars and seconds, and other quantities of garments that he has manufactured for these companies which have been rejected by them for whatever reasons; such as not meeting specifications.

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By SA [redacted] pmi

Date Dictated 8/7/86

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SWATCH contract, and [REDACTED] made the basic sweatshirt, which resulted in a large volume being left over that he was wholesaling. The SWATCH COMPANY, learned that their sweatshirts were being sold on the street and contacted [REDACTED] in turn contacted [REDACTED] and instructed him to cut any labels off before they were wholesaled. [REDACTED] followed these instructions, and also instructed anyone else that he sold to, to do the same, such as BURT KAPLAN, to whom he had sold a large quantity.

[REDACTED] also advised that at one time he had had a large contract to produce CHRISTIAN DIOR shirts, the labels for which were provided by the company. As he recalls, a large volume of these shirts were not acceptable to CHRISTIAN DIOR and rather than get stuck with them, he provided them to BURT KAPLAN as a closeout item. [REDACTED] was asked by the interviewing Agent whether or not he believed this was unauthorized use of the trademark of CHRISTIAN DIOR, to which he responded that CHRISTIAN DIOR was going to stick him, so he stuck them instead.

[REDACTED] also advised that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[redacted] was telephonically interviewed by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] who identified himself as a SA of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] the STANLAINE CORPORATION, located at 7168 Northwest 50th Street, Miami, Florida, telephone number (305) 593-9943. [redacted] advised that he manufactures garments for numerous garment companies, particularly those well known for designer labels. The respective company will provide [redacted] with the specifications for a garment, he will manufacture it, obtaining the material himself, affixing the labels provided by the respective company. [redacted] will also manufacture as a subcontractor for other garment manufacturers who have name brand accounts.

[redacted] advised that there are invariably overruns in the manufacturing process on a given order being fulfilled. Additionally, pieces with imperfections, which are known as "seconds" are also produced, which are not accepted by the garment company. At other times, garments produced will not be accepted by the company because specifications are not met. In any event, any such garments produced by STANLAINE, are disposed of by offering them as closeout goods. [redacted] will sell these to various wholesalers and jobbers at far below what would normally be the wholesale price fixed by the garment company holding the license on the trademark.

[redacted] advised that he is licensed by the respective company to produce a given quantity on a contract. However, [redacted] maintains that he has never produced any garments with a trademarked label and wholesaled them out the "back door" without the company's knowledge.

[redacted] recalls a particular instance, however, when he [redacted] as (dba) GRAPHIC SHIRT SYSTEMS, in New Jersey. [redacted] had a

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(Telephonic)

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By SA [redacted] /tll

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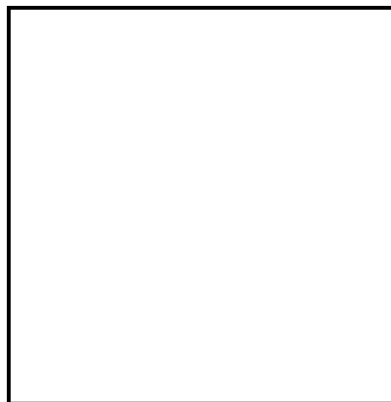
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Sex  
Date of Birth  
Place of Birth  
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Telephone Number  
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License Number



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During the course of the search Special Agent (SA) [redacted]  
[redacted] telephonically spoke with [redacted] who  
identified himself as BURT KAPLAN's [redacted] informing him of the  
nature of the search warrant. [redacted] provided his telephone  
number as [redacted]



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6. One manila folder and contents "Colonial Tag and Label".
7. One manila folder and contents "Charge backs".
8. One manila folder with shipping bills.
9. One manila folder with work order.
10. One manila folder with miscellaneous receipts.
11. One manila folder with miscellaneous purchase orders.
12. Miscellaneous invoices.
13. One blue book of invoices.
14. One green book of invoices.

Found on first floor, back room - Room B:

Five boxes filled with miscellaneous clothing  
labelled "Sasson".

The following is a description of employees within the  
above-described location during the course of the execution of the  
search warrant:

1.       Name  
          Race  
          Sex  
          Date of Birth  
          Height  
          Build  
          Address  
  
          Telephone Number  
          Position



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6. 1985 Weekly Desk Diary.
7. One manila folder - miscellaneous documents showing itemizations.
8. Manila folder "Sasson" and contents.
9. Manila folder "Sasson" and contents.
10. One manila folder "BURT - PROGRESSIVE Shipments".
11. One manila folder with miscellaneous invoices.
12. One manila folder with miscellaneous correspondence.
13. One manila folder "Paid STANLAINE".
14. Seven miscellaneous documents.
15. Miscellaneous bankruptcy court.

Found on white table in Main Office:

78 sales receipts with cashier tapes attached.

Found in third floor Main Office desk number one:

1. One manila folder and contents "FANCY POCKETS INC.".
2. Three documents - miscellaneous invoices.
3. One manila folder and contents "10/84 - 3/85".
4. One manila folder and contents "PURITAN FASHIONS CO.".
5. One manila folder and contents "Paid (Murjani) G/V".

Found in Main Office, desk number four:

1. Trucking receipts 46 pages.
2. Daily Report of Goods Received 30 pages.
3. Invoice - 8.
4. SLT WAREHOUSE CO. documents and attached Inventory Release Forms of PROGRESSIVE DISTRIBUTORS - 6.
5. Three documents with attachments "SLT Work Sheet".
6. 23 documents concerning packing and shipping.

Found in Main Office desk number 11:

One file - "CHRISTIAN DIOR" - (Receiving) four documents.

Found in file cabinet number 15 - Main Office:

16 customer invoices and attached documentation.

Found in B. KAPLAN's Office, third floor:

1. One manila folder and contents "LONGFELLOW IND. (Sasson)".
2. Miscellaneous inventory sheets and handwritten yellow sheets with notes.
3. One manila folder and contents "[redacted]".
4. One manila folder and contents "Accounts Payable - Crown Fair".
5. One manila folder - miscellaneous invoices and receipts.

Found in Main Office - desk number two:

1. Inventory report 12/17/84.
2. Folder with miscellaneous letters relating to "sold outs".
3. Red folder - "Fons" and contents.
4. Red folder - "Employees" and contents.
5. Red folder - "The Kennedy Carter" and contents.
6. Two manila folders "BRI" and contents.
7. Manila folder "Master copies" and contents.
8. Manila folder "Marcy" and contents.
9. Various "Speed letters re returns".
10. Green book "CLAREMONT IND. II Orders.

Found in "1986" file cabinet Main Office were 77 file folders and contents labelled CLAREMONT II Factored, Non Factored".

Found in grey filing cabinet, number 13, Main Office:

1. Miscellaneous "PROGRESSIVE DISTRIBUTORS CO. INC." invoices.
2. Customers Return Report 11/14/85.
3. Work Order RUBEN SPORTSWEAR.

The following found in first floor loading area:

1. One box containing Sasson packing tape and three "Calvin Klein" shirts.

Office: The following found in third floor, Vice President's

1. One manila folder, "Inventory 10/20/84".
2. One manila folder, "Sasson - Price List".
3. One manila folder, "Sasson".
4. "LONGFELLOW IND." - two manila folders - contents.
5. One yellow sheet labelled "1st Quality Swatch Inventory as of 2/11/86".
6. One manila folder - "Burts Notes" and contents.

Found in the Main Office - desk number three:

1. Nine shipping memos from STANLAINE CORP. to PROGRESSIVE.
2. Note from "Desk of [REDACTED] 3/13/86" with 13 attached documents - manila folder.
3. STANLAINE shipping memo - manila folder.
4. Two sheets yellow paper with notes.
5. Two envelopes and contents EASTERN SHORES PRINTING CO.

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The following found in first floor parking area:

1. Three boxes containing pants (miscellaneous colors) with labels French Connection.
2. One box of Swatch labelled sweatshirts.

The following found in first floor, back room:

1. One box miscellaneous clothing labelled "Sasson".
2. One empty box with "Sasson" labels.

Office: The following found in third floor, Vice President's

One box with:

1. One pair white pants - Jordache.
2. Two metal card files with customer cards.
3. One manila folder with invoices.
4. One manila folder of description sheets.
5. One manila folder with ad and miscellaneous information.
6. One manila folder with miscellaneous sales information.

The following found in first floor, back room:

1. One unlabelled corduroy jacket.
2. One box containing miscellaneous clothing including Seruchi, Vanderbilt, Corniche.



- c) One pad headed "Cutting Ticket".
  - d) Miscellaneous blank receipts from "IT'S A DILLY INC."
  - e) Miscellaneous computer printouts.
5. One box containing the following:
- a) One paper (poster board) pattern - Chantilly's.
  - b) One paper (poster board) pattern - Ferrari.
  - c) Miscellaneous returned good reports.
  - d) Miscellaneous sales slips "PROGRESSIVE DISTRIBUTORS".
  - e) Miscellaneous catalogs.
  - f) One box letterhead "IT'S A DILLY".
  - g) Miscellaneous paper patterns.
  - h) Four boxes marked Winton thread containing embroidery tapes.
  - i) One box containing embroidery tapes and Adolfo insignia.
  - j) One paper pattern "Mercedes Benz".
  - k) Miscellaneous blank receipts "IT'S A DILLY".
  - l) Three cards of embroidery thread samples.

- e) Keypunch cards.
- f) Cards indicating "name, shade and garments".
- g) Ferrari embroidery pattern.
- h) Mercedes Benz embroidery pattern.
- i) Miscellaneous pocket patterns (19).
- J) Floral embroidered pattern with paper.
- k)  pocket with paper pattern.
- l) One sketch of pocket pattern.
- m) Five miscellaneous sketches of embroidery patterns.
- n) Five catalogs "The Adventures of Stormin' Norman" Fall '80.
- o) One white envelope containing pocket pattern on graph paper.
- p) One invoice "IT'S A DILLY INC., EMBROIDERY".
- q) Miscellaneous material swatches.
- 3. One box swatches of jeans material.
- 4. One box containing:
  - a) White box with "IT'S A DILLY" letterhead.
  - b) Six boxes of envelopes with "IT'S A DILLY" address.

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On August 4, 1986, at 10:42 AM, the premises known as PROGRESSIVE DISTRIBUTORS CO., INC. and CLAREMONT INDUSTRIES, 128-130 Port Richmond Avenue, Staten Island, New York (NY), was entered and searched by Special Agents (SAs) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), pursuant to a Federal Search Warrant issued on July 31, 1986, at the Eastern District of NY (EDNY). Also present during this search for expert opinions were representatives from the garment industry.

During the course of the search, the following items were seized and listed on an eight page inventory sheet which was examined by BURT KAPLAN, owner of PROGRESSIVE DISTRIBUTORS, INC. and principal of CLAREMONT INDUSTRIES, and later provided to [redacted]

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Found in third floor office, facing parking lot:

1. Chalkboard with writing.
2. One box containing:
  - a) Envelope with Izod insignia.
  - b) One box of home repair needles.
  - c) Manila envelope marked "PROGRESSIVE  
Attn: [redacted] containing memos "From the Desk of  
[redacted] and Bergen Community College  
insignia.
  - d) Manila envelope containing three embroidery tapes  
and two patches.

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By SAs [redacted] RAB [redacted] Date Dictated 8/5/86

[redacted] JR.,

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[redacted] PROGRESSIVE DISTRIBUTORS,  
12A-130 Port Richmond Avenue, Staten Island, New York, telephone  
number [redacted] was interviewed following the execution of  
a search warrant at this address. The following information was  
obtained from observation and interview:

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Place of Birth:  
Height:  
Physique:  
Hair:  
Eyes:  
Social Security  
Number:  
Home Address:  
  
Home Telephone  
Number:

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By SA [redacted] jak

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TO DIRECTOR FBI PRIORITY

ATTN: FINANCIAL CRIMES UNIT, SUPV. [REDACTED]

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BURT KAPLAN; [REDACTED] COUNTERFEITING OF GOODS; OO:NEW YORK.

RENYTELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DATED JULY 9, 1986.

ON AUGUST 4, 1986, AGENTS OF THE NEW YORK OFFICE EXECUTED A  
SEARCH WARRANT WITHOUT INCIDENT AT PROGRESSIVE DISTRIBUTORS, 128-130  
PORT RICHMOND AVENUE, STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THIS SEARCH WARRANT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THIS SEARCH WARRANT CULMINATED UNDERCOVER .  
BUYS OF COUTNERFEIT GARMENTS BY NEW YORK AGENTS.

1 - New York  
1 - Supervisor C-3  
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Approved: [Signature]

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK  
SUBJECT:

BURT KAPLAN;

COUNTERFEITING OF  
GOODS;  
(OO: NY)

Bureau File Number  
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Field Office File Number  
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Squad or RA Number  
Agent's Social Security No

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(identity of other agency)  
☐ X if case involves  
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official (Federal, State or  
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Investigative Assistance or Technique Used  
Were any of the investigative assistance or techniques listed below used in connection with accomplishment being claimed? ☐ No ☒ Yes - If Yes, rate each used as follows:  
1 = Used, but did not help 3 = Helped, substantially  
2 = Helped, but only minimally 4 = Absolutely essential

1. Acctg Tech Assistance	8. Eng. Sect. Tape Exams	5. Photographic Coverage	22. Telephone Toll Recs
2. Aircraft Assistance	9. Hypnosis Assistance	16. Polygraph Assistance	23. UCO Group I
3. Computer Assistance	10. Ident Div Assistance	17. Search Warrants Executed	24. UCO Group II
4. Consensual Monitoring	11. Informant Information	18. Show Money Usage	25. UC Other
5. ELSUR - FISC	12. Lab Div Exams	19. Surveil. Sqd. (SOG) Asst	26. NCAVC/VI-CAP
6. ELSUR - Title III	13. Lab Div Field Support	20. SWAT Team Action	27. Visual Inve Analysis (V)
7. Eng. Sect. Field Support	14. Pen Registers	21. Tech. Agt. or Tech Equip	

A. Preliminary Judicial Process (Number of subjects)				D. Recoveries, Restitutions, or Potential Economic Loss Prevented (PELP) (Explain valuation in remarks)			
-Complaints				Property Type Code*			
Informations				Recoveries			
Indictments				Restitutions			
				PELP Type Code*			
				Potential Economic Loss Prevented			
B. Arrests, Locates, Summonses or Subpoenas Served (No. of Subj.)							
Subject Priority*							
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C. Release of Hostages or Children Located: (Number of Hostages or Children Located)							
Hostages Held By Terrorists: All Other Hostage Situations							
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F. Final Judicial Process: Judicial District							
District State Conviction or Pretrial Div. Date Sentence Date							
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Attach additional forms if reporting final judicial process on more than four subjects, and submit a final disposition for (R-84) for each subject.

Remarks: (For every subject reported in Sections A, B or F above, provide name, DOB, race\*, sex, and POB and SSAN if available.)

On 8/4/86, a search warrant was executed at 128-130 Port Richmond Ave., Staten Island. A large volume of counterfeit designer clothing was recovered. Subjects had been in operation for approximately 10 years, grossing \$2.5 million per year. Experts from the garment industry estimate that 25% of subjects' business involves counterfeit garments. Therefore, 25% of \$2.5 million = \$625,000 PELP.

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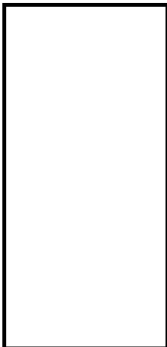
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AUSA [ ] EDNY, who is handling prosecution  
of this matter can be reached at [ ]

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C3 desk telephone number is [ ]  
Radio communications will be monitored on C-6 frequency for  
car to car and C-5 Staten Island to Brooklyn.

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Escort garment experts

Special Agents to conduct surveillance at 8509 Bay 16th Street, Brooklyn:

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Also photographers will photograph before, during and after the search. This search will commence at 9:30 am. A van will be rented for the removal of evidence at this location.


St. Vincent's Hospital is located at 355 Bard Avenue, Staten Island, NY, telephone number 718-390-1301.

NYCPD - 120th Precinct, 78 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, telephone number 718-727-6464.

Experts are as follows:

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 will also assist in this search warrant.

# Memorandum



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To : SAC (257A-3)

Date 8/4/86

From : SA [redacted] (C3)

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Subject : BURT KAPLAN;  
[redacted]  
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COUNTERFEITING OF GOODS;  
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Captioned matter involves the illegal manufacturer, distribution and sale of counterfeit clothing, a violation of T18, USC, Sect. 2320. Captioned subjects are associates of the LUCHESE crime family, operating at 128-130 Port Richmond Ave., Staten Island, NY and 8509 Bay 16th Street, Brooklyn, under the company names of Progressive Distributors, All-City Distributors and Claremont Industries.

BURT KAPLAN has a business office at 1407 Broadway in Manhattan and is a licensee of certain SERGIO VALENTE garments. KAPLAN has strong ties to the NY garment industry. KAPLAN is presently on parole for federal narcotics violations. KAPLAN's warehouse at 128-130 Port Richmond Avenue had previously been used to launder drug money.

NYO has had numerous investigations involving [redacted] and BURT KAPLAN for fencing stolen property. Both have convictions for same, utilizing the above mentioned locations for storing this stolen property.

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On August 4, 1986, NYO will conduct search warrants on the Staten Island location. The purpose of this search will be to [redacted]

This search will utilize 12 Special Agents. Special Agents to be utilized in search at 128-130 Port Richmond Ave., Staten Island:

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To : SAC, DIV. II (257A-3) (P)

Date 8/5/86

From : SA [redacted]

Subject : UNSUBS;  
BURT KAPLAN;  
[redacted] aka;  
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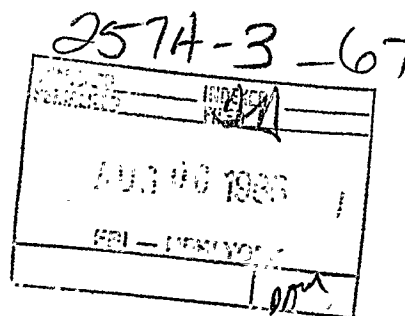
## ADMINISTRATIVE

Attached is a copy of an affidavit for a search warrant issued by the Eastern District of New York (EDNY) on 7/31/86 which was executed on 8/4/86.

Information contained in the affidavit was obtained with the cooperation of an informant which is highly singular in nature. Consequently, the affidavit has been sealed in the EDNY.

Unless indictments and arrests of subjects subsequently result in this investigation, information contained in this affidavit should not be disseminated outside the Bureau.

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This same individual indicated to SA [ ] that  
[ ] BURT, and that BURT was the boss of this  
company.

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SA [ ]

SA [ ] then assisted [ ] LNU and [ ] in  
[ ] SA [ ]

SA [ ] then departed 128 Port Richmond Avenue,  
and deactivated his recording device at 2:20 P.M.

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Special Agent (SA) [redacted], while working in an undercover capacity, went to PROGRESSIVE DISTRIBUTORS, located at 128 Port Richmond Avenue, Staten Island, New York (NY). SA [redacted] activated a recording device at 1:25 P.M.

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Upon entering the rear of this warehouse, SA [redacted] was greeted by [redacted] Last Name Unknown (LNU), a [redacted] and [redacted] who had previously met SA [redacted] at this location. Also present was a [redacted]

SA [redacted] advised that he was here to pick up the Swatch garments, Christian Dior shirts, and Oakbrook shirts. An interest was expressed in purchasing Sasson sweatshirts, at this time "Panama" pulled the Sasson sweatshirts into the work area on the first floor and proceeded to count them out. These sweatshirts were black and white in color. SA [redacted] advised that he did not have enough money at this time to purchase these items.

In the business office on the first floor, the white female indicated, "We knocked this off," holding a woman's white jumpsuit in a clear plastic bag. She indicated they were a Liz Claiborne product costing \$89.00.

SA [redacted] advised these individuals that he would also be interested in purchasing Sergio Valente women's assorted shirt tops and Sergio Valente printed blazers as previously seen.

The white female then escorted SA [redacted] to the business office on the third floor and had a white male by the name of [redacted] write up the purchase order. This same white female, again reiterated to another younger white female that the white jumpsuit she was holding was "knocked off" by them from a Liz Claiborne product.

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New York

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By SA [redacted] /bad

Date Dictated 7/14/86

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A confidential source cooperated in the following manner:

Pursuant to written consent, a Panasonic microcassette recorder, model number RN-36, serial number 5JBRB07698, was installed [REDACTED]

The recording equipment was tested prior to its use and found to be in proper operational order.

The original microcassette has been retained as evidence.

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By SAs [REDACTED]

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Date dictated [REDACTED]

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**Precedence:** ROUTINE

**Date:** 11/09/1999

**To:** SAC, NEW YORK

**Attn:** Evidence Control Unit

**From:** SA [redacted]  
SQUAD C-3  
**Contact:** [redacted]

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**Approved By:** [redacted]

**Drafted By:** [redacted]

**Case ID #:** 257A-NY-3 (Closed)

**Title:** BURT KAPLAN Etal.  
Counterfeit Clothing  
00:NY

**Synopsis:** Destroy remaining exhibits in the Evidence Control Unit.

**Details:** This investigation has been closed over ten years. AUSA [redacted] declined prosecution in the EDNY. All exhibits were evidence purchases by NYO undercover agents. Evidence Control Unit is requested to destroy all remaining exhibits.

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